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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111

In response to the non-final Office Action mailed July 7, 2009, in the above identified patent application, the time period for reply which extends to October 7, 2009, please consider the following remarks intended to place the application in clear condition for allowance. Applicants also submit herewith a Petition for Extension of Time with provision for the required fee requesting that the due date for response to the outstanding office action, which originally extended to October 7, 2009, be extended three (3) months to and including January 7, 2010. Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

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